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SUBJ: MAJOR PROJECT: KUWAIT NEW TOWN

REF: KUWAIT 1408 AND PREVIOUS

DOBER PADDOCK UPTON HAS POSED FOLLOWING QUESTIONS WHICH IT FEELS ARE NECESSARY TO HAVE ANSWERED IN ORDER MAKE REASONABLE PROPOSAL TO NREC. REALIZE THESE QUESTIONS CONSTITUTE MUCH WORK ON POST'S PART BUT WITHOUT THIS KNOWLEDGE OUR EFFORTS WIN THIS PROJECT ARE GREATLY HAMPERED.

1. WILL THIS NEW TOWN BE AN INDEPENDENT, SELF-SUFFICIENT COMMUNITY? IF NOT, ASSUME IT IS RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY ON EDGE OF EXISTING TOWN AND USING ITS SCHOOLS ETC.

2. IF SELF-SUFFICIENT, WHAT STUDIES HAVE BEEN DONE TO ESTABLISH THE FEASIBILITY OF THE ENTERPRISE? HAS SITE BEEN SELECTED?

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3. DO ROADS EXIST TO CONNECT WITH EXISTING POPULATION

CENTERS?

4. IS THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW TOWN A PART OF THE NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (COLIN BUCHANAN DID THIS STUDY)?

5. HOW WILL WATER AND POWER BE PROVIDED?

6. WHAT RATE OF DEVELOPMENT IS PROJECTED? ALL COMPLETED WITHIN WHAT PERIOD OF TIME?

7. WHO WILL LIVE IN NEW TOWN? WHAT WILL BE THEIR EMPLOYMENT? THERE HAS THUS FAR BEEN NO MENTION OF INDUSTRY OR UTILITIES.

8. ARE ADEQUATE PLANS BEING MADE FOR INTER-MINISTERIAL COORDINATION (PUBLIC WORKS, PTT, ELECTRICITY, AND WATER)?

9. HAS ANY PROVISION BEEN MADE FOR MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT AND IS IT KNOWN AT WHAT POINT THIS MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT WOULD BEGIN OPERATION (TYPICAL U.S. PROCEDURE WOULD BE FOR U.S. INVESTOR TO RECOVER HIS EQUITY BEFORE THIS GOVERNMENT CAME INTO OPERATION)? RUSH

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